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SUBJECT: GENERAL SUMITRO VISITS VIET NAM

REF: A. SAIGON 10675

B. JAKARTA 6732

1. NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT INDONESIAN GENERAL SUMITRO IS VISITING IN REGIONS (PART VIII, PARA 5 REF A).
2. IN THIS CONNECTION I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT, ALONG WITH BEING DEPUTY COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OF INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES (REF B), SUMITRO IS AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL FIGURE WHO IS ARTICULATE AND AUTHORITATIVE ON VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE RANGE OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES. THEREFORE, SHOULD SUMITRO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF TOPICS WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY FALL WITHIN COMPETENCE OF MAN IN HIS POSITION, HIS COMMENTS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS REPRESENTING OFFICIAL GOI VIEWPOINT.
3. SUMITRO HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO AS HIS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR ICCS MATTERS. SINCE NOV 1972 IT HAS BEEN CLEAR THAT SUMITRO IS CHIEF COORDINA-

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IMPORTANCE HAPPENS ON ICCS MATTERS WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL.
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